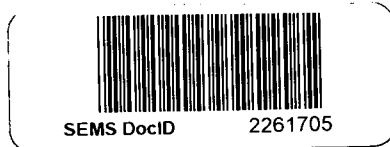




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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Region III Request for Approval of Ceiling Increase  
and Emergency Exemption from the \$2 million and 12  
month statutory limit to continue the Removal Action  
at Shaffer Equipment Company Site, Minden, West  
Virginia -- **TRANSMITTAL MEMO**

FROM: Stephen D. Luftig, Director *Stephen D. Luftig*  
Office of Emergency and Remedial Response

TO: Timothy Fields, Acting Assistant Administrator  
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

This memorandum transmits Region III's action memorandum requesting approval of a \$1,875,000 ceiling increase and exemption to the \$2 million and 12 month statutory limits on removal actions to continue the time-critical removal action at Shaffer Equipment Site, Minden, West Virginia. The proposed ceiling increase raises the total project ceiling to \$6,890,490 which will be funded from Region III's Removal Allowance. Please indicate your approval by signing the attached Action Memorandum on page 10.

Since 1984, EPA Region III has conducted three Removal Actions at Shaffer Equipment Company Site to mitigate the threat posed by extensive PCB contamination. The most recent removal site evaluation has found that work performed during the initial Removal Action is deteriorating and that significant areas of PCB contamination remain on the Site. The primary threat to human health and the environment is surface and sub-surface soil and dust contamination in and around the Shaffer Equipment Company building.

The routes of exposure are through direct contact, inhalation and/or ingestion of contaminated soils and dust. The history of periodic flooding; evidence of manmade disturbances to the initial soil cover from EPA's previous Removal Action; vandalism to the building, fences, and gates; areas of erosion of the surface soils and the overall deterioration of the property



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are evidence of the potential threat of offsite migration of the PCB contaminated soils and dust.

The OSC has determined that further Removal Action and post removal site controls are required to mitigate the threat posed by the remaining PCB contamination at the site.

The conditions at this site continue to meet the NCP Section 300.415(b)(2)(i) criteria for a removal action and the CERCLA Section 104(c)(1) emergency exemptions. Therefore, I recommend that you approve the Region ~~VIII~~ request.

Attachment